THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT, 1935.

Monday, 7th August, 1939.

The House met in the Legislative Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. DR. U. RAMA RAO) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION *RE* THE DEATH OF SRI R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR.

* THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I beg to move—

'*that an expression of the profound regret of this Council at the death of Sri R. Srinivasa Ayyangar and of sympathy with his bereaved family be placed on record and conveyed to them.*'

" Sir, in making this motion, it is my duty to record the valuable services which the late Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar rendered to this House, to the country and to the party to which he belonged. Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar had been connected with various public movements ever since he became a lawyer of some distinction. He was born in November 1872 at Tirukkoyilur in the South Arcot district and he received his education in Cuddalore and Kumbakonam. He joined the Cuddalore bar in February 1899 as a first-grade pleader and thereafter he enjoyed an extensive practice. He was connected with the Cuddalore Municipal Council from the year 1906 and he held his membership till the year 1919. He was nominated to the taluk board for two terms in 1912 and 1918 and he was also a nominated member of the South Arcot District Board for a long time prior to 1919. He was a member of the Devasthanam Committee for several years and was President of the South Arcot District Banking Union. Prior to 1923 he was President of the Bar Association, Cuddalore. Till very recently he was a non-official visitor to the district jails for over four years. He was a member of the Senate of the Madras and Annamalai Universities. He was elected a member of the first, second and third Legislative Council, representing the South Arcot rural constituency after the introduction of the Montagu Reforms. He was also President of the Swarajya Party and was Deputy Leader of the

Council Swarajya Party and resigned his seat in the Legislative Council as a result of the resolution passed at the Lahore Congress.

"This is a short summary indicating the various activities of the late Sri R. Srinivasa Ayyangar. He was fairly advanced in years, as Indians would call it, but he kept his youth right through his career; and those of us who have been his colleagues in this Council would bear testimony to the fact that he was one of our active members and he practically took part in every debate and contributed his rich experience and his talent in the field of law. It is unfortunate that we should lose him. Although he showed no indication of his failing health in the course of the last two years, the cruel hand of Death took him away rather suddenly from our midst and the world is all the poorer for his death. We convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family."

* SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"I beg to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House. My acquaintance with Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar began some two decades ago. Though we belonged to opposite political parties, still our personal relationship had always been cordial and he never allowed his political views to interfere with our personal relationship. Even at the time of the last meeting, he was very healthy and jovial and nobody thought that the cruel hand of Death would take him so soon. I join the Hon. the Leader of the House in requesting you to convey our sincere regret to the members of the bereaved family."

* KHAN BAHADUR SIR MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Mr. President, I beg to support the resolution moved by the Hon. the Leader of the House. As has been said by him, Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar has not only been a very useful and active member of this Council but had also been a very useful and active member of the old Legislative Council under the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms for ten years. Both in this Council and also in the old Council he took very great interest and contributed greatly in solving some of the intricate problems. This House has lost a very useful member and the country a great patriot. I join the Leader of the House in conveying to the bereaved family our sincere feelings of regret."

DR. SIR K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" Sir, on behalf of the little group which I represent and on my own behalf I beg to associate myself with the sentiments that have been expressed on the condolence resolution. I have known Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar for a number of years. He served in the Legislative Council under the Montagu Reforms for a number of years.

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One thing that must have attracted the attention of those that were in that Council was this: that whenever he spoke, or even when he was not speaking, there was always a gentle and pleasant smile on his face which made anybody feel that he had a friend in him. His loss to this Council is very great indeed. We appreciate this resolution; though this is common in many cases, almost in every case, still in the present case, there is a touch of personal feeling of sorrow for the loss of this good man."

Mr. PRESIDENT:—"I desire to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the members of this House. We were colleagues in the old Council for a full term. He was a straightforward, patriotic and honest member of the House. Though there were very few members at that time in the Council who belonged to the Congress Swarajya party, he continued as a member of the Swarajya party for two or three years; and when the Congress asked him to resign his seat, he resigned it with pleasure. He was considered to be a very good lawyer on the criminal side and his knowledge was deep, exact and precise. His death is a great loss to the country and to the party to which he belonged.

"With these few words I would ask hon. Members of the House to pass the resolution standing."

The resolution was passed, the whole House standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

The Madras Government 3 per cent Loan, 1959.

*1 *Q.*—Dr. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the recent issue of the Madras Provincial loan was underwritten; if so, who are the underwriters and what is the amount underwritten by each such underwriter;

(*b*) what is the underwriting commission agreed to be given;

(*c*) how much of the loan were the underwriters called upon to take up;

(*d*) what is the total amount for which applications were received;

(*e*) out of the applications received from the public, what is the amount applied for through the underwriters and what is the amount for which applications were received directly from the public; and

(*f*) whether the Reserve Bank advised the Madras Government that it would not be advisable to issue a 20-year loan simultaneously?